

# THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO



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## **Community Workshop To Help Determine District Flagship Library Site**

SAN DIEGO—Third District City Councilmember Toni Atkins and the North Park Library Task Force, along with the North Park Community Association, will conduct a community-wide workshop Saturday morning, February 8, 2003, to collect public input on criteria for siting a new flagship library for District Three.

"The input of the community is critical as we focus on our vision for a major library in our district," said Councilmember Atkins. "We need to hear ideas directly from the citizens so that we can meet the needs of the diverse communities who will be utilizing this regional facility."

The City Council recently approved the Library Facilities Enhancement Plan which will fund improvements to branch libraries throughout the City. In Council District 3 the plan includes new branch library facilities in North Park and Mission Hills/Hillcrest, as well as an expansion of the Kensington/Normal Heights Branch Library.

The 25,000 square foot North Park Branch Library has been designated as the flagship library for District Three. It is anticipated that site acquisition for the new library will take place in mid-2004, with design work beginning later that year. Construction is expected to begin in mid-2007 and be completed in the fall of 2008.

Architect Jeff Katz has been retained by the City to assist the community with site selection. Input gathered at the workshop will be reviewed by the North Park Library Task Force which will submit a final list of site criteria to Mr. Katz, who will use that information to locate potential sites in the North Park area. The final site will be recommended by the Task Force and approved by the City Council.

The February 8 workshop will be held at Covenant Presbyterian Church, 2930 Howard Avenue (at 30th and Howard) from 9:00 to 11:30am. For further information, contact Stephen Hill in Councilmember Atkins' office at (619) 236-6633.

"This workshop will give district residents the opportunity to discuss site characteristics as well as potential locations for the library in North Park," said Atkins. "I'm a firm believer that community participation is crucial to the success of public projects."

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